

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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September 7th, 2025

Saturday, September 13th 5:15 pm

Reader: Christina Koch

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Declan & Eleanor Jelinek

Mark Olson, Ronan Ringelstetter

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family Scrip: Colleen Pulvermacher

Sunday, September 14th 8:00 am

Reader: Mark Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Carter Jelinek, Gage Tennant

Wyatt & Brynlee Mueller

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Timothy Honer Scrip: Judy Barnicle

Sunday, September 14th 10:30 am

Reader: Alisa Weiss

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Ella, Will, Molly & Elijah Weiss

Gifts: Brian Weiss Scrip: Jonna Ray

## Mass Schedule

Monday, September 8th  
No Mass

The Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
RECTORY CLOSED

Tuesday, September 9th  
Mass 8:15 am  
Alyssa Guy SP.I.

St. Peter Claver

Wednesday, September 10th  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Carter & Georgia Harrison

Thursday, September 11th

Patriot Day

Mass 8:15 am

Adoration following Mass

Staff of St Mary's

Friday, September 12th

Mass 8:15 am

The Most Holy  
Name of Mary

† David Dybdahl

Saturday, September 13th

St. John Chrysostom

Confessions 4:30 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

† Joe Murphy

Sunday, September 14th

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confessions 7:15 am

The Exaltation

Mass 8:00 am

of the Holy Cross

Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:45

Mass 10:30 am

† Duane & Donna Meyer

## Parish Calendar of Events

09/08 Monday...PCCW Meeting 6:30 pm

09/14 Sun. ... Religious Education First Day 9:10 10:20

09/17 Wed ... Parents Mtg for Confirmation 6:30pm

09/17 " " 1 & 2 yr Confirmation First Class 7:00 8:30 pm

09/20 Saturday, LDCCW Share Shop, La Crosse 9:30 am

09/20 Saturday, Parish Festival , Mass at 4:00pm

10/23 Thursday, Finance Council mtg. 6:30 pm

Don't Forget to Pick up your

Festival Tickets !

In the Entrance of Church



### From Your Pastor

One of the most common questions that I am getting these days is the very kind and considerate question of how are things going and if I have settled in. I am settling in well, I feel I have adjusted well back into parish life, finding a sense of routine and getting to know people and places. I want to say that I have been able to find a sense of normal, but just when I start to think I am on top of everything, something changes or something comes across my desk that I realize I was not prepared for. Of course, I try to take everything in stride and remind myself that normal isn't life, it's only a setting on a washing machine.

I am reminded of this as we reflect on our Gospel for this week, where Jesus very clearly points out that God must come first. No matter what we face in our day or week or month or year, whatever unexpected or change comes our way, our fundamental relationship with God is to come first. While Jesus isn't instructing us to literally despise our earthly fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, He is reminding us that if we put anything before our relationship with God, that will be an obstacle or a barrier to our path to heaven. This of course is not an excuse to justify one's frustration or dislike of someone else, especially a family member, but this is meant to be a reality check on our priorities. What does come first in our lives? What are we willing to sacrifice or perhaps, in reality, compromise for what we think is the most important thing?

Scripturally, we hear up and down the centuries of Faith of the caution against false worship. And while this may seem obvious or feel that it doesn't apply to us, can we really say that we don't worship anything but God? I remember a priest speaking about worship and he changed the word up a bit and suggested that we use "worth-ship." This changing of the word speaks of value that we place on things, relationships, or people. What is of greatest worth to us? Whatever it is, that is inherently what we will worship, or direct our energy and resources towards. If the object of greatest value in our life is something other than God and our relationship with Him, then what we hear in our Gospel is directed towards us. Even if what we value most is a good thing, it ought not take the place of the one thing that has the greatest outcome, our relationship with God which leads to eternal life.

Perhaps as we work to settle in to this change of seasons and times, with new routines beginning and adjustments made to old ones, we can make a point to put God first. Practically speaking, this looks like time spent in prayer with God, even if only for a brief moment. It is looking for and taking advantage of opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters. It is our willingness to share the Faith with others, maybe even our own family members. And here is the reality of it: if we put God first, we will be pleasantly surprised how we will find peace. When God comes first, everything else finds its place in order around Him.

Finally, I want to call your attention to a few important events that are happening here at the parish. Of course, as you have heard me talk about for the last few weeks, our Parish Festival is quickly approaching. We are still encouraging everyone to assist in selling tickets for the raffle so as to make it a successful fundraiser. With that, we are continuing to look for items for the silent auction and Chinese raffles. Those items can be dropped off at the rectory.

Lastly, we have been invited by our Bishop to consider supporting an urgent need in Gaza. Apart from the conflict and violence they are experiencing, they are in a famine and many people are struggling to find enough food to survive. Our support of our brothers and sisters in need will go to help provide food for them during this challenging time. Please consider making a donation by dropping it off at the parish office or by putting it in the collection and clearly marking it for Aid for Gaza. Thank you!

In Christ through Mary,  
**Fr Nate Kuhn**



**Don't Forget to Pick up your  
FESTIVAL TICKETS!**



**Town Hall Meeting – Your Presence Needed!**  
This fall, Bishop Battersby is inviting all of us to begin a serious process of renewal and conversion, personally and institutionally, throughout the Diocese of La Crosse. You are invited to attend a 90-minute session at a location near you. A team will travel to facilitate 40 of these, inviting all of us to share in the first steps of what will be an extended process of strategic and pastoral planning. Our closest option will be in Viroqua at noon on Sun, Sept 7, or in Keyesville at 6:30pm on Wed, Sept 10. Look for the Rebuild My Church brochures for more information, along with the website where you can sign up: [www.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch](http://www.diolc.org/rebuildmychurch)



**Welcome to Our Parish Family  
Vivian Rae Schmidt  
Baptized August 31, 2025  
Parent's Ryan and Christine**

With sorrowful hearts,  
we express our profound condolences  
to the family of

**Vieta Jeanette Reising**  
Who entered into eternal rest on  
August 26th, 2025  
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and  
May perpetual light shine upon her soul and all the  
souls of the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. Amen

**Parish Festival**  
**Saturday, September 20th**  
Food, Drinks, Bake Sale , Games  
Silent Auction

**3rd Annual Car Show**

**Cash Prizes**  
1st Place \$5,000.00  
24 other Cash Prizes totaling \$6,500.00

**Live Music by the "Jammers"**

**Mass at 4:00 pm**

**New Items needed for the  
Silent Auction and Chinese Raffle**  
**Gift Cards are also welcome!**  
Items can be dropped off at the Rectory

**Kitchen Assistant needed**  
9:30-1:30 on school days with some flexibility  
Duties include assisting with food prep,  
serving meals to students and staff, and  
kitchen and lunchroom cleanup

Position requires being on feet and able  
to lift up to 30 lbs.  
Contact Stacia 647-2422



**Keep in Prayer**  
**Kaden Thompson**

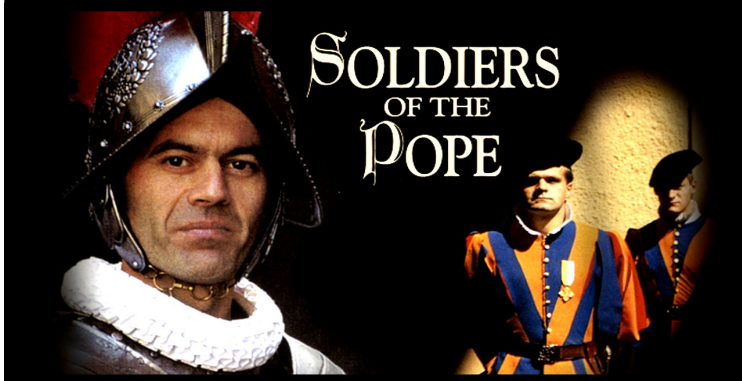
As an adult, He will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and The Holy Eucharist on Sunday, September 21st.

**RCIA**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
 If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith., and receiving the Sacraments  
 Call the Rectory to find out more  
 608-647-2621

**Readings for the week of September 7, 2025**

- Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)  
 Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
- Monday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/ Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
 Lk 6:27-38
- Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 1  
 Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/  
 Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/  
 Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17



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**St Mary's School Weekly Intention**

*We pray for anyone fighting sickness and disease.  
 We also pray for their struggling families.  
 May they heal and find hope through  
 their faith in God.*

*-Written by St. Mary 8th Grade Class*

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 FESTIVAL TICKETS!**



Also  
 Looking for Items for the Silent  
 Auction & Chinese Raffle !

**August 30,31, 2025**

Adult Tithe.....	\$3,620.00
Offertory.....	645.96
Pastoral Care ...	10.00
Parish Festival .....	40.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,315.96</b>
ACH Tithe, August 2025 .....	\$6,015.00
Mission Coop Collection .....	\$4,062.00

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**Wedding Planning Information**

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church  
**please** notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,  
 but **not less than six months**  
 prior to the proposed wedding date.